

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGEMENT OF LOGICAL NETWORKS FOR  
MULTIPLE CUSTOMERS WITHIN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

A method, system, apparatus, and computer program product is presented for management of a distributed data processing system on behalf of a plurality of management customers. The distributed data processing system is logically represented as a set of scopes, wherein a scope is a logical organization of network-related objects. Endpoint objects, system objects, and network objects are logically organized into a set of scopes that do not logically overlap. Each scope is uniquely assigned to a management customer. The distributed data processing system is managed as a set of logical networks in which a logical network contains a set of scopes and in which each logical network is uniquely assigned to a management customer. An administrative user may dynamically reconfigure the logical networks within the distributed data processing system while managing the logical networks for a set of customers.